

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

In the Notice of Allowance mailed September 4, 2009, claims 28 and 30-63 have been allowed. Claim 52 is amended herein. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-27. (Canceled).

28. (Previously Presented) A method for creating a user profile comprising the steps of:

detecting a connection of a Portable Storage Device (PSD) to a computing device;

upon detecting the connection of the PSD, scanning the PSD for an indication of a stored user profile containing data files, application settings and user environment settings, wherein the user environment settings include one or more of a user's desktop configuration, a start menu configuration, or an application toolbar configuration;

upon detecting that no user profile is stored on the PSD:

automatically launching a user profile configuration wizard that enables the user to create a user profile on the PSD,

receiving input from the user profile configuration wizard, wherein the input includes an instruction to synchronize a first data content item and an instruction to not synchronize a second data content item that is different from the first data content item, and

upon receiving the input from the user profile configuration wizard, automatically storing the first data content item on the PSD in association with a new user profile;

determining that the first data content item has been modified;

based on the new user profile, automatically synchronizing the modified first data content item with the PSD;

determining that the second data content item has been modified;

based on the new user profile, not synchronizing the modified second data content item with the PSD;

determining that one or more of the user environment settings associated with the new user profile has been modified; and

based on the new user profile, automatically synchronizing the user environment setting with the PSD.

29. (Canceled).

30. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 28, wherein the data content items comprise a plurality of different types of data.

31. (Original) The method according to claim 30, wherein the plurality of different types of data include one or more contacts, multimedia files, calendar data, and documents.

32. (Original) The method according to claim 30, wherein for each of the plurality of types of data, the user may select all, some, or none of the data.

33. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 32, further comprising the step of synchronizing the selected data with data on a later-connected PSD.

34. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 30, wherein the plurality of different types of data comprises user settings.

35. (Original) The method according to claim 34, further comprising the step of prompting the user to select for synchronization all, some, or none of the user settings.

36. (Original) The method according to claim 35, further comprising the step of displaying, if the user chooses some of the user settings for synchronization, a list of user settings to the user.

37. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 36, wherein each item in the list of user settings is accompanied by a checkbox that, if checked, selects the item for synchronization.

38. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 28 further comprising determining whether there is sufficient memory available on the PSD to store a user profile.

39. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 38, wherein if there is sufficient memory available on the PSD to store a user profile, selecting a portion of memory on the PSD for storing the user profile and formatting the portion of memory for use as a user profile.

40. (Previously Presented) A computer readable storage medium on which is stored computer executable instructions that cause a computer to perform a method for creating a user profile comprising the steps of:

detecting a connection of a Portable Storage Device (PSD) to a computing device;

upon detecting the connection of the PSD, scanning the PSD for an indication of a stored user profile containing data files, application settings and user environment settings that are used to configure the computing device;

upon detecting that no user profile is stored on the PSD:

automatically launching a user profile configuration wizard,

receiving input from the user profile configuration wizard, wherein the input includes an instruction to synchronize a first data content item and an instruction to not synchronize a second data content item that is different from the first data content item, and

upon receiving the input from the user profile configuration wizard, automatically storing the first data content item on the PSD in association with a new user profile;

determining that the first data content item has been modified;

based on the new user profile, automatically synchronizing the modified first data content item with the PSD;

determining that the second data content item has been modified; and

based on the new user profile, not synchronizing the modified second data content item with the PSD.

41. (Previously Presented) The computer readable medium of claim 40, wherein the user profile configuration wizard allows a user to select data content items available to the user profile for synchronization.

42. (Previously Presented) The computer readable medium of claim 41, wherein the data content items comprise a plurality of different types of data.

43. (Original) The computer readable medium of claim 42, wherein the plurality of different types of data include one or more contacts, multimedia files, calendar data, and documents.

44. (Original) The computer readable medium of claim 43, wherein for each of the plurality of types of data, the user may select all, some, or none of the data.

45. (Previously Presented) The computer readable medium of claim 44, further comprising the step of synchronizing the selected data with data on a later-connected PSD.

46. (Previously Presented) The computer readable medium of claim 41, wherein the data content items comprise user settings.

47. (Original) The computer readable medium of claim 46, further comprising the step of prompting the user to select for synchronization all, some, or none of the user settings.

48. (Previously Presented) The computer readable medium of claim 47, further comprising the step of upon the user choosing some of the user settings for synchronization, a list of user settings being displayed to the user.

49. (Original) The computer readable medium of claim 48, wherein each item in the list of user settings is accompanied by a checkbox that, if checked, selects the item for synchronization.

50. (Original) The computer readable medium of claim 40, wherein the method performed by the computer further comprises determining whether there is sufficient memory available on the PSD to store a user profile.

51. (Previously Presented) The computer readable medium of claim 50, wherein if there is not sufficient memory available on the PSD to store a user profile, offering to free up storage space on the PSD by deleting files stored on the PSD.

52. (Currently Amended) A computer comprising a processor and a memory including computer executable instructions that cause the computer to perform a method for creating a user profile comprising the steps of:

detecting a connection of a Portable Storage Device (PSD) to a computing device;

upon detecting the connection of the PSD, scanning the PSD for an indication of a stored user profile containing data files, application settings and user environment settings that are used to configure the computing device;

upon detecting that no user profile is stored on the PSD:

automatically launching a user profile configuration wizard,

receiving input from the user profile configuration wizard,
wherein the input includes an instruction to synchronize a first data

content item and an instruction to not synchronize a second data content item that is different from the first data content item, and
upon receiving the input from the user profile configuration wizard, automatically storing the first data content item on the PSD in association with a new user profile;
determining that the first data content item has been modified;
based on the new user profile, automatically synchronizing the modified first data content item with the PSD;
determining that the second data content item has been modified; and
based on the new user profile, not synchronizing the modified second data content item with the PSD.

53. (Previously Presented) The computer of claim 52, wherein the user profile configuration wizard allows a user to select for synchronization data content items available to the user profile.

54. (Previously Presented) The computer of claim 53, wherein the data content items comprises a plurality of different types of data.

55. (Previously Presented) The computer of claim 54, wherein the plurality of different types of data include one or more contacts, multimedia files, calendar data, and documents.

56. (Original) The computer of claim 54, wherein for each of the plurality of types of data, the user may select all, some, or none of the data.

57. (Previously Presented) The computer of claim 56, further comprising the step of synchronizing the selected data with data on a later-connected PSD.

58. (Previously Presented) The computer of claim 53, wherein the data content items comprise user settings.

59. (Original) The computer of claim 58, further comprising the step of prompting the user to select for synchronization all, some, or none of the user settings.

60. (Previously Presented) The computer of claim 59, further comprising the step of upon the user choosing some of the user settings for synchronization, a list of user settings being displayed to the user.

61. (Original) The computer of claim 60, wherein each item in the list of user settings is accompanied by a checkbox that, if checked, selects the item for synchronization.

62. (Original) The computer of claim 52, wherein the method performed by the computer further comprises determining whether there is sufficient memory available on the PSD to store a user profile.

63. (Previously Presented) The computer of claim 62, wherein if there is not sufficient memory available on the PSD to store a user profile, offering to free up storage space on the PSD by deleting files stored on the PSD.